

entertaining planning guide

Entertaining with family and friends is similar to painting on a canvas. You are not only setting tables but also constructing a mood for the event. The style of entertaining can help when designing your next celebration; whether it is an evening with friends or during the holidays with family. Blending colors, patterns and textures will allow you to create a unique masterpiece. Good cheer, good food and great inspiration!

Note the Styles of Entertaining

PLATED/SEATING ENTERTAINING

The courses are arranged in the kitchen by the caterer and brought to the guest table. The guest tables are set with china, glassware and flatware. A very formal style of entertaining.

SEATED BUFFET ENTERTAINING

The courses are displayed on a table away from the guests and guests serve themselves. The guest tables are set with china, glassware and flatware.

STANDING BUFFET ENTERTAINING

The courses are arranged on a table away from the guests and guests serve themselves. The guest tables are not set but rather china and flatware are placed on the table with the food.

FAMILY STYLE ENTERTAINING

A very popular style over the last few years. The courses are brought to the table on platter, bowls and trays. Guests serve and pass among themselves. The guest tables are set with china, glassware and flatware.